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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 ) Criminal Case No. 08CR0246-JM  
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
13 )  
14 Plaintiff, ) APPLICATION FOR ORDER  
15 ) SHORTENING TIME  
16 )  
17 v. )  
18 )  
19 MIGUEL ALVAREZ-MEZA, )  
20 )  
21 Defendants. )

22 COMES NOW the plaintiff, United States of America, by and through its counsel, Karen  
23 P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Steven De Salvo, Assistant United States Attorney, and  
24 hereby moves this Court for an order shortening time to permit the Government to file its Response  
25 and Opposition to Defendant's Motions to Compel Discovery, Preserve Evidence, and For Leave  
26 to File Further Motions. The grounds for this application are set forth in the attached declaration  
27 of counsel.

28 DATED: March 3, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN P. HEWITT  
United States Attorney

s/Steven De Salvo

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STEVEN DE SALVO

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**DECLARATION OF STEVEN DE SALVO**

I, Steven De Salvo, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California.

2. I am assigned to the above-captioned case, which is set for a Motion Hearing on March 7, 2008, at 11 a.m.

3. The defense filed its Motion to Dismiss the Indictment and Suppress Statements on February 11, 2007.

4. I had intended to file my Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motions on February 29, 2008, which is one week prior to the Motion Hearing. However, on February 27, 2008, I became ill with influenza and missed work over the next three days. I did not return to work until March 3, 2003. Consequently, my illness prevented me from filing my Response and Opposition in a timely manner.

5. Accordingly, the Unites States respectfully requests that the Court allow the Government's response to be filed late, on March 3, 2008.

Dated: March 3, 2008

/s/ Steven De Salvo

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22 Good cause appearing, I hereby grant the Government's application to shorten time and  
23 order that the Government's Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motions to Dismiss the  
24 Indictment and Suppress Statements may be filed on March 3, 2008.

25 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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28 Jeffrey T. Miller  
JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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Defendant. )  
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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, STEVEN DE SALVO, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT AND SUPPRESS STATEMENTS on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 3, 2008.

s/ Steven De Salvo  
STEVEN DE SALVO